Welcome to this edition of Rockland Roundup, a monthly e-newsletter for scouts, parents, leaders and our community, designed to provide a venue to share information on what’s going on in Scouting in Rockland County. We will be looking for unit submissions every month, with a monthly deadline of the 25th. Please let us know what’s going on in your troop or community! Please send your submissions to: RocklandScouts@gmail.com

Don’t Miss...

10/6/18 — Baloo
10/10-12— Iron Chef Camporee
10/27/18 — Haunted Harvest, 11am - 4pm Camp Bullowa and Camp Nooteeming
11/3/18 — University of Scouting
3/16/19 — Merit Badge College

Scouters: Update Your Youth Protection Training by Oct. 1

Bryan Wendell, Training

The BSA has announced bold, wide-ranging updates to its Youth Protection program as part of an ongoing effort to protect young people from child abuse.

This starts with an enhanced online Youth Protection training course all volunteers and professionals must complete.

Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection training must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course. You have until Oct. 1, 2018, to do so.

The updated course will take about an hour to complete. It includes cutting-edge research from the top experts in the field of child abuse prevention. It covers topics like bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse.

“There is no substitute for hearing directly from experts who have spent their careers studying child predators and abusers,” said Michael Johnson, the BSA’s director of Youth Protection. “They shine a new light on the challenge we all face in protecting kids and how parents and volunteers can put barriers in place to keep them away.”

Next, the BSA has made it impossible for an individual to register as a new volunteer without first completing Youth Protection training. Unit rechartering is affected, too. Packs, troops, posts, ships and crews cannot recharter until all leaders — 100 percent of them — are current on their Youth Protection training.

Finally, beginning June 1, 2018, all adults who will be present at a Scouting activity for 72 hours or more must register as volunteers and complete a background check and Youth Protection training. This includes parents, merit badge counselors and any other adult who will be there for an extended time.

The BSA is serious about fighting child abuse, and you’re an important part of that fight. Thanks for your vigilance and dedication.

NOAC 2018 Hudson Valley Council Delegates. Photo courtesy of Troop 97

We’re looking for great photos! Have any you’d like to share? Please email them to rocklands scouts@gmail.com

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Irving, Texas – May 2, 2018 – The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) made history today by unveiling the new Scout Me In campaign that features girls, as well as boys, in its iconic Cub Scout program for the first time. Starting this summer, all kids are invited to say, “Scout Me In,” as they join the fun, adventure and character-building opportunities found in Cub Scouts. The campaign presents an energizing Scouting experience that speaks to kids by putting them in the middle of the action. It also engages parents who are looking for ways to make the most of the time they have with their kids and help them to be Prepared. For Life.

The Scout Me In creative shifts the perspective by showing what it’s like to be a Scout from a kid’s point of view. Instead of simply showing Scouts participating in activities, the campaign brings the young viewer into the middle of the action – from fishing, biking and canoeing to launching rockets and making slime – where they get even closer to the experiences that Scouting brings to life.

“Cub Scouts is a lot of fun, and now it’s available to all kids,” said Stephen Medlicott, National Marketing Group Director of Boy Scouts of America. “That’s why we love ‘Scout Me In’ – because it speaks to girls and boys and tells them, ‘This is for you. We want you to join!’” The Scout Me In campaign celebrates the BSA’s expansion to serve families and welcome girls and boys into Scouting in communities across the country. It reinforces that the mission and core values in the Scout Oath and Scout Law are welcoming, inclusive and foundational for both young men and women. Since announcing the BSA’s historic decision to welcome girls into Scouting, more than 3,000 girls across the nation have already enrolled in the BSA’s Early Adopter Program and are participating in Cub Scouts ahead of the full launch later this year.

“As we enter a new era for our organization, it is important that all youth can see themselves in Scouting in every way possible. That is why it is important that the name of our Scouting program for older youth remain consistent with the single name approach used for the Cub Scouts,” said Michael Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. “Starting in February 2019, the name of the older youth program will be ‘Scouts BSA,’ and the name of our iconic organization will continue to be Boy Scouts of America.”

“The new Scout Me In recruitment campaign and creative approach was created by award-winning Dallas agency Johnson & Sekin, who also led efforts in the naming process supporting Scouts BSA. The Cub Scout and Scouts BSA program launch, led by Golin, will encompass a fully integrated strategy that spans paid, owned and earned channels.

“Scouting is deeply woven into the fabric of American life,” said Chris Sekin, Managing Partner of Johnson & Sekin. “It is a privilege to work with the organization to usher in its newest era that now includes all of our country’s youth and families.”

“We are excited to partner with the BSA to expand its impactful programs that are relevant to all families,” said Caroline Dettman, Golin’s Chief Creative and Community Officer. “We are thrilled that the mission and goal of the BSAs programs to instill character and leadership is now a powerful promise for boys and girls alike.”
The Rockland Activities Committee (RAC) is looking for new volunteers to join the team of dedicated scouters to assist with planning:

- **Program** – We need volunteers who think out of the box and come up with new ideas for camporee activities, cub Scout activities, community service projects and other events throughout the year for:
  - Cub Scout
  - Boy Scout
  - Venturing

- **Outdoor** – reports on Pack and Troop camping experiences, promote use of camerships, promote outdoor programs, high adventure programs, help units earn National Summertime Pack and Camping awards, report on OA activities and Summer Camp
  - OA
  - Camping
  - Summer Camp

- **Activities** – Helps arrange District Dinner, Kick off and Awards programs
  - District Dinner
  - District Awards
  - Program Kick-off

- **Health & Safety** – EMT’s and health care professionals needed to attend district events

Anyone can join the RAC committee, you don’t have to be an SM or ASM, all you need is YPT training. If your troop or pack have parents that would like to get involved in the scouting program have them consider joining the RAC committee, please have them contact Karen Breslow at alanandkarenbreslow@gmail.com.
Exploring Releases Career Interests Trends From Nationwide Survey of U.S. Students

As the school year gets underway, Exploring, the youth career-development program created by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), is closely examining how best to bridge students’ interests with future in-demand jobs. Today, the program released the findings of its Career Interest Survey, offering insight into the aspirations of the future workforce. This year revealed several year-over-year changes – STEM professions moved up, claiming the top three careers youth are most interested in, and entertainment careers dropped from the top 10 list completely.

The survey, which helps Exploring develop real-life job experiences that combine student interests with in-demand career opportunities, was fielded in 2017 to more than 32,000 students from 8th through 12th grades. More than 200 career options were offered to enable a broad view of student interests – and an indicator as to where talent gaps may appear in the years ahead.

The top 10 list of most popular careers got quite a shakeup in 2017. Overall, interest in STEM-related professions, including health-care careers, jumped to 52 percent in 2017, versus 45 percent in 2016, with interest shifting away from pop-culture careers. For instance, physician and computer programmer replaced professional athlete and artist for the second- and third-place positions. Singer, actor, photographer, and athletic trainer completely dropped from the top 10 list, making room for the newcomers: computer programmer, mechanical engineer, teacher, attorney, and computer engineer.

The top 10 most popular careers from the 2017 survey were:
1. Registered Nurse (ranked #1 in 2016)
2. Physician/Surgeon (ranked #6 in 2016)
3. Computer Programmer (new to the top 10 list)
4. Veterinarian (ranked #8 in 2016)
5. Professional Athlete (ranked #2 in 2016)
6. Mechanical Engineer (new to the top 10 list)
7. Teacher (new to the top 10 list)
8. Artist (ranked #3 in 2016)
9. Attorney (new to the top 10 list)
10. Computer Engineer (new to the top 10 list)

“It’s encouraging to see a positive shift in interest toward STEM careers in just one year given concerns surrounding the shortage of STEM talent across a variety of industries,” said Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh. “Through Exploring, we introduce youth to real-world STEM career experiences so the jobs of the future are familiar and within reach as they are making decisions about their educational and career paths.

“Whether it’s learning alongside doctors in the medical field, or using open source code to create 3D-printed prosthetic limbs for people in need, students are in an optimal position to benefit from hands-on STEM field experiences. These young people can immediately take what they’re learning in school and put it to use in real-world settings in a meaningful way. Through this kind of experiential education, young men and
women are better able to see themselves in the full spectrum of STEM careers available to them.”

At GE, we know that the future STEM workforce is critical to innovations yet to be discovered, so we take seriously our role in helping young people spark an interest in pursuing a STEM career,” said John McDonald, Smart Grid Business Development Leader at GE Power’s Grid Solutions business and Exploring leader. “That’s why we partnered with Exploring – to give students real-world opportunities and experiences that open them up to a world of exciting and fulfilling careers.”

**Interest Lags in Other High-Growth Fields**

Both men and women showed a lag in interest toward other high-growth career fields, including lesser-known STEM positions such as statistician, software developer, mathematician and information security analyst; and fields related to renewable energy, like solar photovoltaic installers and wind turbine service technicians.

“These results will help us focus Exploring’s efforts in the years ahead to help students learn about high-demand careers they perhaps were unaware of or uncertain about,” said Diane Thornton, National Director of Exploring. “They also provide an indicator to industries as to where they can focus education and recruiting initiatives. By collaborating our efforts, we can help students discover paths to high-potential careers, while at the same time working to avoid potential labor shortages in areas critical to our nation’s growth.”

**About the Exploring Program**

The Exploring program is available to youth through Learning for Life, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America that provides character, leadership and career education programs through sponsoring agencies or groups. The Exploring program is currently offered nationwide, serving young men and women from middle school through high school. To learn more about Exploring and experience all that this program has to offer youth, business leaders and the community, visit www.exploring.org.

**About the Boy Scouts of America**

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be “Prepared. For Life.” The Scouting organization is composed of nearly 2.3 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21 and approximately 960,000 volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit www.scouting.org.

**About GE Power**

GE Power is a world energy leader providing equipment, solutions and services across the energy value chain from generation to consumption. Operating in more than 180 countries, our technology produces a third of the world’s electricity, equips 90 percent of power transmission utilities worldwide, and our software manages more than forty percent of the world’s energy. Through relentless innovation and continuous partnership with our customers, we are developing the energy technologies of the future and improving the power networks we depend on today.

For more information please visit www.ge.com/power, and follow GE Power on Twitter and on LinkedIn.

**Survey Methodology:** A total of 32,855 respondents were surveyed in 2017. A total of 31,115 respondents completed the survey online, and the balance completed the survey using a paper Scantron form. In total, the students could pick from 209 careers grouped into 12 categories.

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**Congratulations to Rockland’s Newest Eagles: June-August 2018**

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BSA will make Scoutbook free for everyone beginning Jan. 1, 2019

It’s a bit like learning there’s enough Dutch oven peach cobbler for everyone to have seconds. It seems too good to be true, but you will absolutely take it.

The BSA announced today that it will make Scoutbook subscriptions free to all BSA units beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Units that already use Scoutbook won’t be charged when they renew their subscription on or after Sept. 1, 2018.

Scoutbook is the BSA’s online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Previously, units paid a small annual fee — up to $1 per Scout per year — to access Scoutbook’s powerful features, which are accessible on any device. By making Scoutbook free for everyone, the BSA can drive program consistency and deepen our movement’s engagement with youth and adult leaders. The move means everyone can enjoy what more than 1 million users already know: Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

What does this news mean for existing Scoutbook users? How will this affect the future of Scoutbook? Here’s what you need to know.

How will my unit be affected?
Units with a current Scoutbook account: When they need to renew their subscription this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees, effective Sept. 1, 2018.

Councils that provide Scoutbook accounts for their units: When they need to renew these unit subscriptions this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees, effective Sept. 1, 2018. (Essentially, units — or councils paying for their units — can renew Scoutbook subscriptions in September, October, November or December 2018 at no cost.)

Units without a current Scoutbook account: They can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on Jan. 1, 2019.

Will existing users get a refund?
No. There are no plans to reimburse anyone who has previously paid for a Scoutbook subscription. This change applies only to any new Scoutbook subscriptions effective Jan. 1, 2019, or later — and to any renewing Scoutbook subscriptions that would normally be paid between Sept. 1, 2018, and Dec. 31, 2018.

What if a current Scoutbook unit needs to add more Scouts this fall?
Let’s say your pack has a 75-Scout subscription with 15 open slots. You expect to recruit well over that number this fall. Can you add Scouts to your subscription when/if that happens?

Yes, if you have a current Scoutbook subscription, after Sept. 1, 2018, you can renew your subscription (if needed) or add more youth to Scoutbook at no cost.

What should units that don’t currently have Scoutbook do this fall?
Scoutbook will be free to all units beginning Jan. 1, 2019. In the meantime, watch for the release of Scoutbook Lite for all units later in 2018. This free online tool will provide a slightly different user experience from the full Scoutbook, but it will help your unit track advancements for all your youth members.

How will subscriptions/renewals work in 2019 and beyond?
The need to “subscribe” or “renew” annually will become unnecessary. Once your unit is on Scoutbook, you’ll be set for as long as you would like to continue using this free tool.

How will making Scoutbook free affect its performance?
Scoutbook will only continue to improve. The BSA IT and Member Care teams will continue to support Scoutbook with their timely service and quality resources. Scoutbook performance enhancements have been implemented regularly over the years, and its performance is continually monitored.

Where can I get more information about this change in Scoutbook?
Contact Scoutbook.support@scouting.org
In the early days of the Boy Scouts of America, James E. West, our first Chief Scout Executive, was asked what the greatest needs of the new movement were. He replied “Training, Training and Training.” That is still true today. Today we have new options to help fit training in our busy lives. Many courses can be taken online. Other types of learning require a hands-on experience. Attending a training course also has the advantage of meeting the other leaders in your area, making new friends and future resources for questions on other topics.

Instructions for accessing online training:
- Go to my.Scouting.org (use Chrome on PC or Safari on Mac). Enter your login name and password.
- On the opening page, click on the BSA Learn Center or Exploring graphic.
- Select the My Learning tab to access any learning plans assigned to you based on your registered position(s).
- Click on a learning plan to view the associated list of courses. From the list of courses, click the launch button to launch the course.
- If you are a new leader or not in a registered position, click one of the program buttons. Select a training program from that list.
- Hover over the learning plan name, click the add (+) icon under the Actions column to add the learning plan to the My Learning tab.
- Once you have added a learning plan, it will be reflected in My Learning.
- Follow steps 4-6 to launch your training course.

Youth Protection Training (YPT)**

All adult volunteers must take the new YPT by October 1, 2018.
**Required yearly for all adult members. ** Must be taken prior to a new adult registering.
** When rechartering, each adult must have taken YPT in the last year.

Cub Scout Training

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation
**There is an online component and a practical, hands on component.

10/6-10/7, 2018 (Rockland Area) 8am Saturday to 11:30am Sunday @Camp Bullowa Training Center, Stony Point, NY
Lead trainer, Michael Peterson, mpeterson02@gmail.com

10/13-10/14, 2018 (Heritage Area)
*** Looking for help with Cub Scout training, if interested contact Mark Grogan, cubmaster4225@gmail.com

Boy Scout Training

Scoutmaster Position Specific

9/8/2018 (Dutchess Area) 8am to 1pm @Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY. Lead trainer, Tom Florio, thomf007@aol.com

9/22/2018 (Delaware River Area) 8am to 1pm @Holy Cross Church Parish Center, Middletown, NY. Lead trainer, Steve Segda, ssedga61@yahoo.com

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

10/13-10/14/2018 (Dutchess Area) 8am Saturday to noon Sunday @Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY. Lead trainer, Tom Florio, thomf007@aol.com

10/20-10/21/2018 (Delaware River Area) 8am Saturday to noon Sunday @Hanofee Park, Liberty NY. Lead trainer, Steve Segda, ssedga61@yahoo.com
Venturing Training

Venturing Advisor Position-Specific Training (VAPS)

10/20/2018 @ Council Office 8am to Noon. Lead trainer, Wynn Klosky, 2017NYLT@gmail.com

Crew Committee Challenge

10/20/2018@ Council Office 8am to 10:30am. Lead trainer, Wynn Klosky, 2017NYLT@gmail.com

IOLS for Scouts is also recommended

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Building the leaders of tomorrow, one scout at a time. Hudson Valley Council just completed it’s 19th consecutive course with 35 newly trained youth leaders. This brings our total to 818 during that span. A big thank you to Kevin McIntyre, Benjamin Mart and the rest of the youth and adult staff for their time and effort given to the youth of our council.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

NYLT 2019

8/4-8/10/2019 @ Camp Nooteeming

University of Scouting

11/3/2018 8:30am to 4 pm @ Chester Academy. President, Bill VanPelt, troop41vp@yahoo.com

*** New this year, any unit that registers 5 or more participants will get the use of a camp site at Camp Nooteeming or Bullowa free for a weekend. Must be used by 7/1/2019.

***Look for registration to open mid to late September.

Wilderness First Aid Training

10/20-10/21/2018 8am to 4pm each day @Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY. Lead trainer, Cody Delamarter, wildmt@yahoo.com

Wood Badge

8/18-8/20/2018 @ Camp Nooteeming, Salt Point, NY
9/15-9/17/2018 @ Camp Bullowa, Stony Point, NY. Lead trainer, Jessica Brighton, jlope12@gmail.com

Training and the Journey to Excellence

The Journey to Excellence is a tool used to evaluate the health of your scouting unit. There are 11 areas that are considered. Training of your adult leaders is one of them. For the long-term success of your unit it is important that all direct- contact leaders be trained. These include Cubmasters, den leaders, Scoutmasters, Webelo’s den leaders, crew Advisors and Skippers plus their assistants.
Camp Bullowa Campmaster Corps are Looking for Adult Volunteers

Love camping at Camp Bullowa?

Want to give something back to camp?

The Rockland District is looking for dedicated scouters to join the Campmaster Corps. Campmasters serve as good stewards and liaisons to scout units visiting Camp Bullowa on weekends from September - June.

What are the Responsibilities of the Campmaster Corps?

The Campmaster Corps manages unit check-in and check-out, provides direction to campsites, potable water, latrines and bathrooms, provides basic emergency care, inspects sites upon check-out, answer questions troops may have about camp or area, offer service projects to troops in camp and oversee projects to completion, and walk around camp to ensure scouters are enjoying their time in camp. Serving as a Campmaster is a relaxing and fulfilling experience but, remember the needs of the guests in camp come first.

Campmasters serve as frequently as they wish, but we hope you'll love it and want to do at least 2 weekends a year. Campmasters work from 5pm on Friday until the last unit leaves Sunday (12:00pm). Campmasters may stay in Dingman eliminating the need to pitch tents. You can even make it a family affair; your family is welcome to join you.

Corps members must be an adult (at least 21) with current BSA registration and must have current Youth Protection Training. Corps members must be familiar with the layout of Camp Bullowa.

For more information and to sign up...

Please contact Karen Breslow

alanandkarenbreslow@gmail.com
TROOP 21

6th Annual Homeless Campout Held by Troop 21 in Suffern

Motorists in Rockland passing Ramapo Town Hall on Route 59 during the evening rush hour on Friday August 24th were treated to an unusual sight in their daily routine, a Boy Scout trailer and cardboard boxes setup on the front lawn. On August 24th and 25th, Suffern Boy Scout Troop 21 held its 6th Annual Homeless Campout in front of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59, as well as holding a food drive at ShopRite. The event, which dramatizes what it’s like to be homeless was attended by 16 Boy Scouts and 5 adult leaders.

The boys arrived in front of Ramapo Town Hall at 5pm on Friday evening, where they started to construct their temporary cardboard box shelters. The event was even covered by Fios1News and several of the Scouts were interviewed. After enjoying some pizza for dinner, the Scouts began their food drive across the street at the ShopRite in Tallman. They solicited shoppers for nonperishable food items, such as canned food, boxed items and other things that wouldn’t quickly spoil. They also accepted any cash donations, which at the end of the event were converted into Shop Rite gift cards. When they were finished for the evening at 10PM, the boys headed back to their “box city” for some fellowship, campfire and snacks. They were even visited by a few Ramapo Police officers who were very interested in seeing some of our Scouts constructed homes, which several of our younger Scouts were eager and proud to show off.

On Saturday morning, the boys enjoyed some hot chocolate and bagels. And of course, no true Boy Scout campout for the adults would be complete without their morning coffee, especially crucial on this outing due to their lack of sleep. The Troop then returned to ShopRite to collect more donations until noon. All told, the boys collected $1,325 in cash donations and an estimated $1,500 in nonperishable food donations, which benefits the recipients of the food pantry at Troop 21’s chartered organization, All Souls Community Church in Suffern and the Sloatsburg food pantry. Year to date the troop has raised over $16,000 in food and cash donations for those in need. It was a very successful event and a great experience for our Scouts as it raised awareness for the homeless and gave back to the less fortunate. The Troop looks forward to holding this event again next year and the hope is that because of the success of this event, more Troops will participate in their own similar Homeless Campout throughout the Rockland District next year.
Troop 79 headed into summer doing a good-turn, cleaning-up our section of Strawtown Road in New City. Shortly after that we headed north to Rhode Island’s beautiful & historic Yawgoog Scout Reservation. Scouts & leaders enjoyed our annual week of classic camp activities, camaraderie and friendly inter-troop competition. We all jumped into this year’s Hawaiian theme which concluded with a fun-filled water-carnival that did not disappoint! Numerous merit badges were earned, many scouts accomplished the mile swim and all were recognized for their rank advancements. Our August trip to Philmont was put on hold as we await the end of these tragic forest fires. However, we did still have much reason to celebrate - not one but three Eagle Courts of Honor! Special thanks to the community representatives and organizations who took time from their busy schedules to attend & give memorable speeches at each ceremony: Rockland County Executive Ed Day & Legislator Lon Hofstein, Town of Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann, representatives from the American Legion, United States Marine Corps League and New City Jewish Center. The last ceremony was even “hosted” by one of our new Eagle Scouts himself - Congratulations Dan Southard, Joshua Feldberg and Richie Bialik! And we are not done yet! A fourth ceremony approaching in early September - we look forward to honoring our next Eagle Scout, Mathew Davidson as we kick-off our next season!
The Summer of Troop 97 – WOW – just WOW! To say that the scouts of Troop 97 had an amazing summer is an understatement! Summer started with a bang at Camp Nobobosco – with over 50 scouts and leaders attending summer camp. Scouts enjoyed the Impossible Mission theme (and earned over 200 badges while they were there.) Two Youth scouts and one Adult Scouter traveled to Indiana State University to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) where these Arrowmen interacted with others in a Jamboree like environment – amazing memories were made. Troop 97 was also a presence at National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), held at Camp Nooteeming in Salt Point. Four scouts attended and learned the benefit of youth led troop leadership while enjoying fellowship, fun and great food. In addition, one of our scouts and an adult leader were on staff for this important training event. And then there was Sea Base…after gaining/renewing their Scuba certifications, a lucky and resilient group of 12 Scouts and 4 adult leaders traveled to the Florida Keys to BSA High Adventure Sea Base. Resiliency was the key here, as their flight was delayed by two days due to weather related issues, abbreviating their trip. Not to let that get them down, the group – graciously led by Steve Dubner – was lucky enough to have great people at Sea Base work with them so that the lost days did not overly impact their trip – adding extra dives for the group and keeping a facility open late for them so that they could take care of swim testing and gear checks in the evening instead of losing precious dive time. They had daytime dives, night dives, a Wreck Dive and really had a chance to explore the reefs. An amazing time was had by all! To round out the summer, Troop AND Venture Crew 97 enjoyed a joint effort – sailing on the American Eagle Schooner out of Rockland, Maine! Due to its popularity, a second trip was offered to accommodate all of the scouts and venturers. As one of the Venture Crew members, Julia A. said: “This past August Venture Crew 97 joined the scouts of Troop 97 on a sea journey on the American Eagle Schooner off the coast of Maine. We had an opportunity to participate in the navigation of the ship, along with raising and lowering the sails, prepping meals and swabbing the decks! We visited islands and saw lots of wildlife including seals and dolphins. We also got a chance to dive off the bow sprit into the Maine waters. The water was chilly at 57 degrees, but a lot of fun. We made memories that would last a lifetime!” Troop 97 and a summer to remember. As another scouting year begins, our scouts have already planned many new adventures! Stay tuned....
SUMMARY
Being prepared in Scouting often means being ready to render first aid. As we go farther into the backcountry with our units, some additional training is needed. Wilderness first aid (WFA), the next step up from the basic first aid, focuses on teaching assessment skills and using available resources when professional responders may be hours or even days away. It can have a dramatic effect on the outcome of emergencies, injuries, and illnesses. It can mean the difference between life and death.

GENERAL INFORMATION
What is WFA? The BSA WFA course is a 16-hour certification suitable for participants age 14 and older. The course covers a wide variety of injuries and illnesses that you may encounter in a remote environment during a high-adventure activity. A BSA-led task force developed the BSA WFA doctrine and curriculum for learning to prevent, assess, and treat medical emergencies when in the backcountry—defined as being more than one hour away from definitive medical care. The curriculum includes not only classroom instruction but a practical hands-on application in the form of practice scenarios. More important, it emphasizes that the safety of everyone involved is paramount, and it teaches participants how to gain control of an urgent situation so that resources (people, supplies, etc.) can be utilized appropriately.

Who needs to be WFA-trained? Two members of each crew participating in a trek at Philmont Scout Ranch or one crew member at all other high-adventure bases operated by the BSA are required to have this certification. It is also recommended that troops or Venturing crews participating in any other high adventures, whether through a council or on their own, receive this training. Also, having more people on a high-adventure trek trained in WFA is always beneficial in the event that an emergency does occur.

Are there any prerequisites or other certifications needed before taking WFA? Being at least 14 years old and completing a CPR and AED certification course led by a nationally recognized provider are the only prerequisites. Having basic first-aid training is very helpful but it is not a prerequisite.

Where can I find a BSA-approved course? Start by contacting your local council or district. Locally available courses may also be found by contacting your local American Red Cross (ARC) chapter or by checking with the Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI). Both the ARC and ECSI have authorized-provider training agreements with the BSA and course materials available to Scouts at reduced fees.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- BSA Wilderness First Aid home page—https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/training/wilderness-fa/
- BSA Wilderness First Aid FAQs—https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/training/wilderness-fa/faq/
- American Red Cross—www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr-first-aid/wilderness-sports#wilderness-remote-first-aid
- Emergency Care & Safety Institute—boycouts.ecsinsitute.org
- American Safety & Health Institute—www.hsi.com/ashi
Come Join the Fun at the Rockland District Cub Campfire

Thursday, September 20th 6:30-7:45 pm
Camp Bullowa – 15 Franck Rd, Stony Point NY

It’s time to kick off the 2018-2019 Scouting Season

• Come join Cub Scouts and their families from around the Rockland District at the Camp Bullowa Cub Campfire.
• Cubs will have a chance to perform their silliest skits or sing their craziest songs.
• This is a **FREE** Family Event for all existing Cub Scouts and boys and girls in grades K-5 who would like to find out more about the Cub Scout program.

• Parking opens at 6:00 pm, campfire will start promptly at 6:30.
• Please bring a bottle of water and a flashlight, a light snack will be provided.
• Bring your Pack flags and show your Cub Scout spirit.
• Bring a friend and introduce them to scouting!
• Please register your pack, den or family online for this fun event:

*Note: Registration is not mandatory just suggested for planning purposes.*

For more information please contact:
Dave Damo - damo2000@optonline.net
Or
Karen Breslow – alanandkarenbreslow@gmail.com
ATTEND THE IRON CHEF CAMPOREE AND SHARPEN YOUR COOKING SKILLS!

Open to ALL Hudson Valley Council Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, Ships and Posts
Open to Rockland District WEBELOS on October 13 w/optional overnight

Friday October 12 - Sunday October 14, 2018
Camp Bullowa
15 Franck Road
Stony Point NY 10980

Camporee Activities Will Include:
Campsite Cooking Related Stations, BB’s, Climbing Wall, Archery, Games and
Patrol Cooking Competition, Pumpkin Carving Competition and more.....

Registration opens September 5, 2018
Register online at: http://www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/event/rk-fall-camporee-2018/2414117

Early Bird Registration fee: September 5 – 24
$12.00 Scouts, Adults

Registration fee: September 25 – October 8
$15.00 Scouts, Adults

Late Registration fee: October 9 – 11
$20.00 Scouts, Adults

$5.00 WEBELOS – no charge for parent

For more information contact:
Mike Davidson at mdavidson@jmhartel.com
Or
Karen Breslow at alanandkarenbreslow@gmail.com
Save the Date
Merit Badge College
Saturday, March 16, 2019

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American Heritage
Chess
Citizenship in the Community*
Citizenship in the Nation*
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First Aid*
Game Design
Indian Lore
Law
Lifesaving*
Movie making
Photography
Public Speaking
Robotics
Scouting Heritage
Signs, Signals & Codes
Swimming
Textiles

Detailed Registration Information Coming Soon!

*Eagle Required Merit Badge
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8am - 5pm

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64 Hambletonian Avenue Chester, NY

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SCOUTMASTER POSITION SPECIFIC TRAINING

BOY SCOUTS

Sept 8 & Sept 22, 2018

Dutchess & Delaware River Districts

The course will provide Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters who complete this course, *Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills*, and *Youth Protection Training* are considered "trained" for those positions.

**INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

BOY SCOUTS

Oct 13-14 & Oct 20-21, 2018

Dutchess and Delaware River Districts

Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required to obtain the First-Class rank. Along with Scoutmaster Specifics this course is required of all direct contact leaders registered in Boy Scout Troops in order to be considered "trained".

**BASIC ADULT LEADER OUTDOOR ORIENTATION**

CUB SCOUTS

Oct 6-7 & Oct 13-14, 2018

Rockland and Heritage Districts

This one-and-a-half-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their pack activities. BALOO training consists of an online prerequisite component in addition to an overnight hands-on practical. BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies will be taught along with the discovery of the necessary tools to help units carry out a successful camping experience. Completion of this course is mandatory for a MINIMUM of one adult on a Pack overnighter.